

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON COMMERCE**

Tuesday, March 6, 2007

9:00 a.m.

Room 519, House Office Building

Chair Meisner called the Standing Committee on Commerce to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Accavitti, Byrum, Clemente, Coulouris, Dean, Griffin, Sheltroun, Simpson, Valentine, Hildenbrand, Huizenga, Palsrok, Stakoe, Knollenberg, Meltzer (17/19)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Reps. Johnson, Rick Jones (2/19)

Opening remarks were made by **Chair Meisner** and **Majority Vice-Chair Robert Jones**.

PowerPoint presentations on the current status of entrepreneurship education in Michigan, and recommendations for the future, were given by the following:

Mark Clevey, MPA, Executive Director, Small Business Foundation of Michigan and Vice-President, Entrepreneurial Development, Small Business Association of Michigan; and

Dr. Karen A. Bantel, Ph.D., MBA, Executive Director, Michigan Entrepreneurship Education Network.

Written material was submitted by each presenter.

Questions and discussion followed, with closing remarks being made by the **Chair**.

Representative Palsrok moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on February 27, 2007. Hearing no objection, the **motion prevailed** with unanimous consent.

Representative Palsrok moved to excuse absent members. Hearing no objection, **Chair Meisner** excused **Representative Johnson** and **Representative Rick Jones**.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being **10:25 a.m.**

Representative Andy Meisner, Chair

Jean Hamelin, Committee Clerk
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